

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to primary care providers and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Human Services Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 73, “Managed Care,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2418, section 128.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 249A.4 and 2018 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2418, section 128.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed amendment allows advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to be primary care providers with a managed care organization (MCO).

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to rule 441—1.8(17A,217).

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 19, 2019. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental

subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Adopt the following **new** subrule 73.8(5):

73.8(5) An enrollee's primary care provider shall be responsible for providing preventative and primary health care to the enrollee; for initiating referrals for specialist care, where appropriate; and for maintaining the continuity of patient care. Primary care providers may be physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, or physician assistants, licensed and practicing in accordance with state law.